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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
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Dear Commissioners:

May I register a complaint about all the **rate increases** you keeping giving to Idaho Power Company? Is there no end to what you will do for them?

I live in Oregon but when you give them "free rein" in Idaho it very shortly spills over and catches up with Idaho Power customers in Oregon. I have written the Oregon PUC several times in the past but they just turn a deaf ear. I hope YOU will listen as it all starts there in Idaho.

My electricity bill for home use went up 20.1586% in the calendar year January 2008 to January 2009. With compounding our rates will double in about four years! I can show you my bills and all the facts and figures if you would like to see them. Why do they turn right around and ask for more? And why do you basically just give it to them? They always apply for way more than they expect to get in case you cut their request back a little bit. They then end up with what they really hoped for in the first place.

According to the paper you just recently approved another 13.2% raise (I believe it was) for them already this year and we are barely through May.

Idaho Power pushes for another rate increase about every 3 to 5 months, If the truth were known I would bet they have the next five or six rate increase proposals all lined up in a queue ready to submit to you during the next two or three years. As I see it they are driven mostly (but not quite entirely) by **greed**. Period! Their stockholders are part of the cause. They are not willing to suffer a bit in the down economy like the rest of us have to.

We **ARE** in a "down economy" and people are hurting, especially us Senior Citizens with nothing much to live on except Social Security. I wrote a letter to Idaho Power directly about this concern and I **DID** give THEM all the facts and figures, including copies of my bills to back up what I was telling them and they **DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME THE COURTESY OF A RESPONSE!** That is how much they care.

It is up to YOU to protect the public and do what is **FAIR** to both the utility companies AND the public. But fairness does **NOT** mean giving them everything they want or even **MOST** everything they want. Limit them to 5 or 6 percent a year and let them live with it. They **CAN**.

Sincerely,

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